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SUBJECT: Chinese Language Training Program

1. At present, we make no use of Chinese language materials so we do not require Chinese language training for our personnel. Also, our personnel situation is so tight that we could not now make any persons available for such training without seriously cutting into our production capabilities.

2. Nevertheless, I believe that the AD/Tr was right in his belief that the world situation pointed to the desirability of the Agency developing Chinese language capability among its personnel. As an Office engaged in substantive work on China, it would be desirable for us to assist. At some future date, when the China Branch is somewhat expanded, we would like to have persons working on China take courses in Chinese:

- a) to keep up the language knowledge that they already have, or
- b) to introduce them to the language if they have no previous knowledge of Chinese.

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